

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO POST OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Buffalo Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

Comprised of members of the Jewish faith who have served in the Wars of the United States of America, the Buffalo Post began meeting in 1929. Over the past 80 years, membership in the post has grown to more than 120 active participants.

The Jewish War Veterans have a proud tradition of patriotism and service to our country and to the Jewish community in the United States and abroad.

The Jewish War Veterans advocate for those who have fought our nation's battles to ensure that they receive the treatment and the respect they deserve from our grateful nation. Through their constant support of the state of Israel, fighting anti-Semitism around the world, and participating in civic betterment projects, the Jewish War Veterans Buffalo Post are having a strong positive impact and I thank them for their dedicated efforts.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of 80 years of proud service to our grateful nation, I ask that this Honorable Body join me in honoring the Buffalo Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF SERGEANT LEONARD B. KELLER, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT AND AMERICAN HERO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Leonard B. Keller, a Vietnam veteran, Medal of Honor recipient, and American hero who passed away on October 18, 2009. Sergeant Keller spent a lifetime serving his country, his community, and his family, and I am proud to honor his life of dedication and service.

Leonard Keller was a true American soldier. Born in Rockford, Illinois in 1947, he was drafted in the spring of 1966 at the age of 19. After basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Sergeant Keller was assigned to the 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division at Base Camp Dong Tam in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam.

On May 2, 1967, in the Ap Bac Zone of Vietnam, another U.S. infantry company was ambushed by the Vietcong, and Sergeant Keller's unit went to rescue their comrades.

Soon after his unit was dropped by helicopter, they came under intense automatic machine gunfire from numerous bunkers and several enemy snipers. Despite several calls for retreat, Sergeant Keller charged forward directly towards the enemy position. Disregarding his safety, he and a fellow soldier began a systematic assault on the enemy bunkers, taking out seven different enemy positions. Eventually the entire North Vietnamese force broke ranks and retreated. After exhausting his ammunition, Sergeant Keller then returned to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Many Americans owe their lives to the courageous actions of Len Keller that day. President Lyndon Johnson awarded the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Keller on September 19, 1968 "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Len Keller as a Vietnam War hero and Northwest Florida leader. Today we recognize his distinguished military and government service, as well as a lifetime of dedication to the United States of America. Our nation is proud and grateful for his courage, service, and patriotism. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family as we remember and honor the life of Leonard Keller. He will be truly missed.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 793, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week." I support this resolution because success in science is of the utmost importance for the future of our youth and our nation.

In order to keep America as a leader in science we need to focus on the success of our youth by emphasizing achievement in all academic endeavors. Letting our students fall behind those of the rest of the world is a mistake we cannot afford.

Chemistry is a field of science and technology that has transformed the world and will vastly improve the quality of life around the globe. Chemical sciences create an infrastructure that delivers the foods, fuels, medicines, and materials that are the hallmark of modern life. Chemical scientists and engineers are essential to technological progress and to the health of many industries, including the chemical, pharmaceutical, electronics, agricultural, automotive, and aerospace industries. The contributions of chemists boost economic growth, create new jobs, and improve health and standards of living. My home district,

Texas' 18th District and other parts of Houston are the hub for many of these industries, namely NASA, the Medical Center, and the Port of Houston.

In order to foster the innovation that America needs to ensure global competitiveness, our schools must cultivate the finest scientists, engineers, and technicians from every background and neighborhood. We must strive to focus on increasing access to science, technology, engineering, and math education for Latinos, African-Americans, women, and other underrepresented students in these fields.

National Chemistry Week was established in 1987 by the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, to enhance the public's appreciation of the chemical sciences and also to educate the public. 2009 also marks the 140th anniversary of Dmitri Mendeleev's creation of the Periodic Table of the Elements, one of the greatest achievements in scientific history. The theme of National Chemistry Week this year is, "Chemistry—It's Elemental", which was chosen to raise public awareness about the importance of chemistry and the chemical sciences by emphasizing that the elements, forming the basis of the universe, play an integral role in daily life. There are many common elements, such as copper in electrical wires, neon in lights, sodium in table salt, and aluminum in soda cans, that are tangibly present in everyday life.

This year, it is anticipated that more than 10,000 volunteers from industry, government, and academia will observe National Chemistry Week during the week of October 18, 2009, by conducting hands-on science activities with millions of children in local schools, libraries, and museums. National Chemistry Week encourages volunteers to provide resources to science educators across the country, promote community events for recycling common elemental items such as aluminum cans, encourage students to explore creative representations of the elements in the Periodic Table, and generally act as "chemistry ambassadors" who emphasize the importance and contributions of chemistry to daily life.

TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLICS OF TURKEY AND ARMENIA OPENING THEIR BORDER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republics of Armenia and Turkey for their ongoing efforts to open their joint border and normalize relations. On October 10, 2009, they signed protocols in Zurich, Switzerland, which establish diplomatic ties and reopen a border that has been closed since 1993. While the negotiations have at times been difficult and emotional, the agreement is an important first step

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